purpose. Reserve Bank of India has already addressed the State Governments in this behalf.

Reserve Bank has reported that it had taken action against some un-incorporated bodies. Raids were also recently conducted jointly with the State Government of Kerala for suspected violations of the provisions of Chapter III-C. The Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission have also reported that action has been initiated against certain concerns for indulging in unfair trade practices.

Some of the un-incorporated bodies have challenged the constitutional validity of Chapter III-C. The matter is pending before the Supreme Court and is *sub-judice*.

Duty-free import of life saving equipment

3919. SHRI GHAN SHYAM SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Scalp Vein Sets of Butterfly Infusion Sets/Butterfly Needle are eligible for duty free import as life saving equipment under current Custom Tariff; and

(b) if so, under which notification, heading and serial number of the Tariff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) As per Serial No. 44 of Schedule 'B' of Notification No. 208/81-Cus. dated 22.9.87 as amended, specified anciliaries for blood compont therapy required for the treatment of cancer including "Butterfly Needle G. Infusion Set" are eligible for duty free import into India. Further, under the provisions of Schedule 'C' of the same notification, any life saving equipment not mentioned in Schedule 'B' is also eligibie for duty free import if the Director General or Deputy Director General or Assistant Director General of Health Services, New Delhi, certifies in each individual case that they are life saving equipment.

Customs—Tariff

3920. SHRI GHAN SHYAM SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether various types of Infusion Sets or I.V. Sets which are used for giving I.V. Solution Drip to patients are eligible for duty free import as life saving equipment under current custom tariff; and

(b) if so, under which notification, heading and serial number of the said custom tariff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) Under Serial No. 19 of Schedule 'B' of notification No. 208/81-Cus dated 22.9.81, as amended, "intravenous Canulae and tubing for long term use" are eligible for duty free import into India. Further, under the provisions of Schedule 'C' of the same notification, by life saving equipment not mentioned in Schedule 'B' is also eligible for duty free import if the Director General or Deputy Director General or Assistant Director General of Health Services, New Dehi, certifies in each individual case that they are life saving equipments.

Import of disposable syringes

3921. SHRI GHAN SHYAM SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Custom Department has accepted that ordinary Disposable Syringes with or without needles up to size 5 CC are also used for Dental Purpose and are importable under OGL App. 6 List 6, Item 48;